

President speaks to students, faculty and administration

## Tibbits answers questions at forum

By Jeannette Cantin

"This is the future, get ready for it," college president John Tibbits told an audience of approximately 40 students, faculty and administration during an open forum held March 20.

He was referring to the implementation of alternative delivery programs which, along with equipment upgrades, teacher evaluations and cut-backs, were raised as topics of concern.

Tibbits began the forum by providing an update on the college's response to budget cuts. Citing a 90 per cent job placement rate, high provincial certification exam results and the strongest financial position of any college, he told the audience, "We are one of the better colleges in the province — maybe the best."

Tibbits acknowledged that the loss of 20 per cent of Conestoga's faculty is high, but said the matter isn't as simplistic as it may seem. He said post-secondary education is only part of the picture, and that most of the losses are a result of decreased government funding for direct purchase programs, such as English as a second language. Most of these direct-purchase courses, which last anywhere from 16 to 52 weeks, are offered at Conestoga's satellite campuses.

He conceded that post-secondary education will not go untouched, and said the intake numbers for programs will decrease in an attempt to keep job placement rates consistent. He mentioned the nursing and social services programs in particular.

When discussing alternative delivery, an issue that has proven to be especially contentious for the college, Tibbits pointed out the plan was not a rapid reaction to deal with funding cuts. In fact, he said, the college is just accelerating part of what has been in the strategic plan since 1989. Tibbits also said the methods being discussed have been used in the recreational leadership program since 1972.

"It is not a revolution," he said, noting that so far, plans are in the works to implement alternative delivery in only 20 of 2,119 courses. Tibbits said health sciences will be one of the areas affected.

Students, he explained, have to start taking more responsibility for their learning. He added alternative delivery doesn't mean students will be placed in a "teacherless environment." Learning teams will be providing support.

Tibbits addressed questions from the floor, enlisting the help of college administrators when necessary. Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences, assured concerned nursing students they would be okay with alternative delivery and clinical placements. "I'm here to tell you that maybe by giving you more time and pace, you might accomplish even more," he said.

A management studies student asked why students and teachers were taking the brunt of the cuts while administration seemed to remain intact. Tibbits responded that nine management staff took the buyout package and said there

would be further changes he couldn't discuss. Conestoga, he added, has the smallest management team on a ratio basis.

The issue of teacher evaluations was raised when a management studies student said that for 11 years, students have been expressing their concerns about a

particular faculty member, without result. Tibbits admitted it was a difficult area, and suggested student representatives become a part of the committee looking into the process.

Tibbits also addressed the concerns of a management studies student who wanted to know why

students were being sent into the job market "armed with the weapons of 10 years ago." Later, a construction technology student asked about the shortage of Auto-Cad rooms.

Tibbits said the college was working on upgrades, and noted over \$500,000 was spent last year but only \$377,000 was provided in funding for instructional equipment. He said he anticipated that the executive director of development and community relations, Wayne Hussey, would help in this area, and that the college may consider a technical fee, as is currently done at another college.

One student expressed concern over what she saw as a drop in the calibre of graduates because of a "numbers game." Tibbits called the suggestion that teachers were told to push students through "absolute nonsense" and said the attrition rate in the business program is higher than in the past.

Also of concern was what one student called a breakdown in communications between students and administration. Tibbits said this assertion was unfair, and noted the number of student representatives taking part in committees and meetings.

This same student asked about the future of health services once health nurse Marilyn Fischer left the college. In response, Tibbits assured the group health services would still be provided, but said plans are being discussed to deliver the services differently.



John Tibbits speaks at the student forum held in the blue cafeteria on Thursday, March 22.

(Photo by Jason Romanik)

### Union leadership changes hands

## College faculty union deals with full slate

By Robert Klager

Amidst preparations for contract negotiations and an upcoming general day of protest scheduled for Waterloo Region, Conestoga's faculty members in Local 237 (CAAT academic) of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) met March 21, in a general meeting that saw the union's leadership at the college change hands.

John Berry, the president of the union's local at Conestoga for five years, used the meeting as an opportunity to announce his resignation.

Berry has accepted a buyout package from the college and will be finished at Conestoga at the end of May.

Vice-president Jay Mosynski, who would have been slated to take over for Berry, also stepped down, in a move that left both of the executive positions vacant.

After a vote by members, Walter Boettger

was acclaimed as the new president, and Sally Harper as vice-president.

In an interview, Berry said Boettger and Harper will serve in the positions for one year, completing the two-year terms that he and Mosynski began.

He said the new executive faces a challenging year ahead, citing the many changes happening in the system and the growing unrest in the province.

Members attending the meeting also discussed possible ideas for participation in the upcoming April 19 labor protest, but Berry said no firm decisions have been made as to what capacity the teachers will become involved.

Although several suggestions were brought forward at the meeting for consideration, Berry said there are still no definite plans.

He said the union wants to talk to students and other school boards to see what the consensus is.

"Something should definitely be done, but not that would be harmful to the students," said Berry. "That is one thing that has come through very clearly."

Berry said he believed any protest action would not negatively affect forthcoming contract negotiations.

"It's not an OPSEU matter," he said. "The college has already approached us to see what we have planned, but it will be at least a week before we know."

Members were also updated on where the union stands at the onset of contract negotiations with the Council of Regents.

Berry said representatives from each local met in Toronto three weeks ago for a demand setting meeting. He said that in such meetings, college locals bring their specific demands forward to be catalogued, and through voting, the top 10 demands are determined.

"Some of the demands brought to the meeting in Toronto are very similar," he

said. "The final selections are not much different from the feelings of the local. There were no big surprises."

Berry said the negotiating process — scheduled to begin with initial discussions at the beginning of April — will be long and slow, but he added it wasn't unusual for bargaining to drag out for 12 to 15 months before a contract is settled.

"As a local we don't get too involved now," he said. "The central negotiating team has a mandate and they will keep us as updated as possible."

"Now we just have to have confidence and leave it up to them."

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## In brief

### Board of governors nominations announced

By Paul Tuns

Conestoga college administration announced the nominations for the board of governors, March 19, 1996.

Nominees for the academic staff representative are Bob Hays and Bob Wall.

Nominees for student representative include Julie Donnelly, Gavin FitzPatrick and Ben Noseworthy.

Bob Hays is a faculty member in the Law and Security Administration Program. Bob Wall is a member of the academic support staff.

The terms for both positions begin Sept. 1, 1996.

The staff representative's term is three years and the student representative's term is one year.

Elections will be held Wednesday, April 3, 1996.

### Corrections

In the March 25 edition of Spoke, Dwayne Kropf's name was spelled incorrectly.

The March 18 edition should have stated Tara Storer was survived by her brother, Dale Storer.

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## DSA budget target may fall short by over \$25,000

By Patrick Moore

Although the DSA forecasted a budget deficit of only about seven dollars as of December 1995, its current shortfall is more like \$25,000, according to unaudited financial statements.

The DSA released the financial statements, which include the 1995 and 1994 years, at a DSA board of directors meeting March 18.

In the financial statement, the DSA projects total revenue up to Dec. 31, as \$123,895, with expenses of \$149,219. This leaves a deficit of \$25,324.

These budget results compare to 1994-95, when DSA revenues totaled \$125,129, and expenses \$144,269, for a total deficit of \$19,140.

The total projected DSA revenues for 1995-96 are \$277,877. The projected expenses are \$277,885, which would leave the DSA with a deficit of \$7,50.

The shortfall comes from several areas.

According to the financial statements, the DSA expects to receive monies from student fees totalling approximately \$200,000.

As of December 1995, it had received about \$76,000.

From its student activities, the statement projects the DSA will receive approximately \$24,000, but has only received about \$21,000 to date.

Student activities include various ticket sales, handbook and advertisement revenues, clothing sales and poster sales.

The DSA also expects to receive about \$5,500 in entertainment revenues, but has received only about \$2,500, according to the statement.

Entertainment revenues include the orientation pub, noons and other various entertainment activities.

Costs for administration, which include wages, photocopying expenses and drug plan expenses, amount to about \$106,000.

The board of executives discussed the budget for 1996-97 in a meeting from which the press was barred.

"I have some serious concerns about this new budget," said Jack Fletcher, chair of student services. "But I don't want to repeat them in public."

## Fund-raiser takes root

By Paul Tuns

Conestoga is experimenting with a fund-raising idea, an adopt-a-tree program. Greg Burns wants to experiment even more.

Burns, a faculty member in the community services program, sees potential to raise unseen thousands of dollars for the college. At \$50 a year, the adopted tree will be designated an alumnus's by a plaque. Burns wants a challenge, either within programs or between programs, to locate the trees first.

The plaque-placing ceremonies are planned for June 9. To heighten the interest in the fund-raiser, Burns said his program is personalizing the letters by locating graduates of each class to sign them. He said former students will be more easily remembered than the teachers or administration. It personalizes the letter, he said.

Burns said there have been 400

graduates from community services throughout the years. "If all of them respond, at \$50 a tree, that's a lot of money we did not have before," he said. "That will be \$20,000 more for our program."

John Tibbits, president of Conestoga, describes the program as a multi-faceted benefit. He said it raises money, but it also raises concern over the environment. He said there's potential for fund-raising outside the Conestoga community because many people in the area are interested in maintaining the ecology.

Tibbits said there will be a \$10 administrative cost, which will include the plaque and inscription. But in ensuing years, if alumni or others decided to keep donating, the administrative costs would decline, he said.

The remaining funds will go to the program the donor was a student in.

## Knackin' the hack



Corey King, a first-year GAS student, plays hacky-sack during a break between classes, March 19.

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## Tuition hikes to be 'balanced' by more OSAP, bursaries

By Amanda Weber

"Tuition has gone up on a regular basis over the years, but it was a higher increase this year," Betty Martin says.

In a recent interview, Martin, the financial officer at Conestoga College's Doon campus, said the Ministry of Education has increased all college tuition by 15 per cent.

Martin said she doesn't think the tuition hike has hurt the student applications to Conestoga.

She noted that application numbers at the college are not as low as the provincial numbers.

"At this point, our applications are down two per cent," Martin said.

Martin said with the increase, there will be more OSAP provided to students.

"The government is honoring the increase in tuition in that aspect," she said.

Martin said a portion of the increase will be turned back into financial aid.

"It will be in the form of bursaries," said Martin.

"The increase is government directed," Martin said.

"It could be to offset the decrease in funding."

In a recent article in the Record, it was revealed that higher tuition fees are quickly becoming the norm in the future of post-secondary education in Ontario.

## CAMPUS NEWS

# Head of faculty union retiring from Conestoga

By Robert Klager

When John Berry retires from the college at the end of May, he'll be passing on a torch of sorts.

The materials management instructor and recently-resigned president of the faculty union at Conestoga, says it's a torch, he believes, that needs to shine considerably brighter as it is carried into the future of the college system in Ontario.

In a recent interview, Berry reflected on the way the system has evolved since he first ventured into it. He said so many things have changed, yet he emphasized how many things haven't.

Berry claims a certain objectivity when discussing the union-management relationships he's experienced over the years — he's had the opportunity to sit on both sides of the table.

Before coming to the college, Berry said he worked through a bargaining agreement with the Steelworker's Union. Back then he wasn't carrying a union card, he was management.

In 1978, Berry came to Conestoga, and as soon as he started paying union dues he started getting involved.

"I actually became a steward with one year's probation still remaining," he said.

Berry went on to serve as chief steward for about seven years, before becoming president of the local five years ago. He said his move away from the college and the union will ease a certain amount of stress in his life, but it won't allow him to simply walk away and forget.

"When I was just straight teaching, I was a happy little guy," said Berry. "But I found that the more I became involved, the more stressed I became."

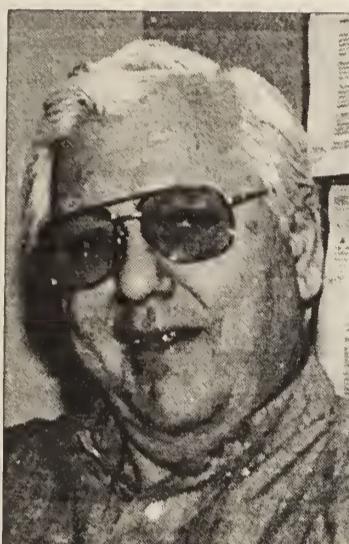
Berry said his exposure to what's happening in the college system leaves him with a rather skeptical view of a smooth future.

"Part of why I get stressed is that I'm conscientious to what's happening," he said. "There's a malaise in the entire system and I can't see things changing in the near future. We're still dealing with a lot of the same problems we were dealing with over 10 years ago."

He warned that Walter Boettger, the new local president at Con-

estoga, will have his hands full.

"There are some rough times ahead in the college system," he said. "We've got a tough set of negotiations coming up, probably the toughest we've seen in our history."



John Berry has resigned as president of Conestoga's faculty union and will retire from teaching in May. (Photo by Robert Klager)

Berry cited the increasing internal changes at the college and the growing unrest between unions and the government. However, he em-

phasized that he's always been supportive of the college system.

"It's darned important and it's growing in importance," said Berry. "There's a well-proven need for universities, but there's a definite need for community colleges, and it depends on employers' support."

Berry said he's seen definite growth in programs over the years and a nicely maturing return market.

"We're finding it easier to place students because people have attended the college, gone out and become successful and are coming back here to find employees," said Berry. "I get a real buzz from playing a part in that. To me, that's what it's all about."

But Berry continues to maintain a certain concern for the system.

"I believe there's a place for these unions in society," he said, "and more than before, they're becoming a social conscience. The roles are changing, but industry seems to have lost its social commitment."

Berry has no plans for sitting around in his retirement and plans to keep himself informed.

"I may continue to do short-term projects for industry here and there," said Berry. "But just because I'm retiring, I'm not about to get the rocking-chair out."

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## CBSA announces nominees for Jane Skipp Award

By Linda Yovanovich

The three nominees selected for this year's Jane Skipp Award from the Conestoga Business Students' Association were announced at the CBSA meeting held Thursday, March 21.

The nominees are Lia Charnovsky, Suzy Chester and Alex Kress.

CBSA president Leanne Charters said the award is a \$150 bursary given to "the representative of the CBSA who contributed the most for the year."

She said there are several criteria which must be met, including an overall involvement in the CBSA, high attendance at meetings and good marks.

Charters said in an interview after the meeting, the award is named after Jane Skipp who was in administration and was very helpful with the CBSA.

The winner of the Jane Skipp Award will be announced at the business awards banquet which will be held at the Waterloo Inn Grand Ballroom on April 11.

Tickets for the awards banquet were distributed during the meeting to class representatives. Each first-year class representative received five tickets, while each

second and third-year representative received 10 and 15 tickets, respectively. The reasoning behind this, according to Charters, is that first-year students are less likely to win awards. She emphasized that the banquet sells out every year.

The cost of the tickets is \$15 and includes an all-you-can-eat meal and admission to the Biz Bash which will be held after the banquet at Ruby's in the Waterloo Inn.

Tickets for the Biz Bash were also distributed at the meeting. The price of tickets is \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

Charters said there will be a sign-in policy in effect at Ruby's. She said a student with valid student identification can sign in somebody from outside the college.

A petition was also passed out at the meeting to try to change the date of the school of business's graduation this June from a weekday morning to a Saturday. Currently, the graduation date is set for June 25, at 10 a.m.

Charters expressed the concern of some students who may have full-time jobs in the summer, and might not be able to take the morning off.

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## Welcome to Grade 3

Pick up the crayons and the play dough, it's time to go to class at Conestoga College.

Lately there have been some things happening at the Doon campus that would make some individuals feel as though they were attending an elementary school instead of a post-secondary educational institution.

The cause of these feelings is not due to anything the college administration is doing or the teachers or even the majority of the students for that matter.

The culprits seem to be a small number of individuals, who may not even be students attending Conestoga, who seem to feel it is their responsibility to ruin things for everyone else attending classes at this campus.

For instance, on Friday, March 8, the change machine located in the Sanctuary was pried open with something resembling a crowbar. The thieves only took about \$25 out of the machine. This is the second time the machine has been broken into.

The machine, which is owned by Chonar, is worth approximately \$2,500 and will be sent to Montreal to be repaired. A representative from Chonar said the damage from the first attempt cost \$500 to repair. He did not say how much the repairs will cost this time around.

Thanks to the change machine robbers, DSA president Dawn Mittelholz said the DSA's temporary solution is to close the Sanctuary early every day. They have decided to close the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. on weekdays and during the weekend.

There has also been an idea to install an alarm system that would consist of at least one motion detector which would alert security staff in case of an emergency.

The Sanctuary has been closed before due to an excessive amount of garbage being left around and a lack of respect for the facilities such as pool tables, foosball tables, couches and chairs.

When the Sanctuary moved from the second floor to the first, there appeared to be a little more respect for it. But, after the change machine incident, it appears that is not the case.

Well, if all of this lovely behavior continues, the Sanctuary will soon be renamed Fort Knox. The DSA will be forced to chain the change machine, juke box and tables down to the floor, set numerous alarms throughout the room and condense the hours of operation to two hours a day.

The DSA did not spend money on the new Sanctuary so people could abuse it. There are two problems with this whole situation. One, a few immature adults are ruining the fun for a huge number of people who know how to respect the property of others. And two, everyone has to pay for someone else's crime in order to protect the Sanctuary. Thanks again Mr. or Ms. vandal(s), for causing more problems at the Doon campus — we need them like a hole in the head.

## Letter to the editor

I am currently a second-year accounting student, part of Conestoga's business program.

Diane Santos made some valuable points in the opening of her article of March 18, Agenda not Worthwhile. But she lost my interest when she implied that business students have an easy schedule compared to other courses. It is true that our classes end by 5 p.m., but not many of us are off campus at that time.

The scheduled lunch hour referred to in the article is our common time, one day a week. It is used for CBSA meetings,

guest speakers and other school related topics.

We are here for 8:30 a.m. classes with a work load that has some of us forgetting what sleep really is. Our social life has dwindled to part-time jobs, family responsibilities, group case studies, reports and homework.

Business students are showing initiative and great time management skills when they take part in the DSA.

If Diane did not mean her comments in this fashion, I know of numerous students who deserve an apology.

Corrine Frenette

Just a thought



By Perry Hagerman

## Racing to the bottom

Capitalism has secured itself as the global winner in the contest of economic theories. Communism is dead (don't tell the Chinese) and the socialist ideal has moved so close to the centre that it can no longer claim to be socialism. Over the next generation, the question will no longer be as to what economic model to use, but to what degree will governments embrace the capitalist ideal?

It is the dawn of the global economy with trade barriers falling like paper walls. A manufacturer no longer competes with the factory down the highway but with a production line set up in a third-world country where workers are paid peanuts.

Countries, provinces, and even cities compete amongst each other to lure the all-mighty corporations. The parameters of their competition include lowering tax rates, attacking workers' rights and pay, relaxing environmental legislation and developing a business-friendly political climate.

Take the environmental issue for one. Now that Mexico has entered NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) its side of the border with the United States has become an environmental wasteland. With no laws to speak of and a cheap work force, companies are flocking there to minimize their costs. Treating sewage and chemical waste from factories is much more expensive than dumping them directly into a local river.

And how has the introduction of free trade improved the lot of the Mexican people? Since Mexico entered the NAFTA agreement, their economy has grown by almost \$14 billion. Coincidentally, 13 new billionaires have since been created in that impoverished country. In addition, the peso has devalued more than 60 per cent over the same period.

Closer to home, the Alberta government has plunged headlong into creating an American-style economy. Lower taxation and lower social services not only address their debt, but serve to lure companies from other provinces within Canada.

Even closer, cities within this province compete for business by offering lower municipal taxes on commercial land and by changing zoning bylaws to accommodate industrial sites.

As every level of government races to bottom-out the cost of doing business by private industry, one cannot help but wonder where it will stop. As countries bend down to the multi-nationals, will we find ourselves mimicking whatever country has the cheapest government?

It is into this race to the bottom that we find ourselves entering into the workforce. Forget about full-time employment. Forget about job security. Reduce your already lowered expectations. Try to be more like a Mexican worker. However, if you refuse to be victimized and keep your compassion, you will have won. Good luck to you all.

Conestoga corner



By Barbara Walden

## Spring is definitely welcome here

April Fool's Day came early this year when old man winter played one more nasty trick on us.

Spring officially arrived at 3:03 a.m. on March 20, but someone forgot to remind Mr. Winter his job was over; he was supposed to be on his way to his Australian retirement home.

The first day of spring was blown in by 90 km/h winds that whipped around the accompanying 25 centimetres of sloppy, wet snow and effectively dampened the spirits of those of us who had just about had enough of tramping around in winter coats and boots.

In the days leading up to this cold white mess, the feeling of spring had started to seep into our minds and hearts. The temperatures hovered around the 10-degree mark as the sun came out to warm things up. Parkas and boots were left at home in favor of spring jackets and running shoes.

Students at Conestoga were coming alive, slowly moving out from winter hibernation spots in the bowels of the Doon campus building.

Hacky sacks were brought out of winter storage as groups of students were spotted kicking them around outside during their lunch hour.

Other students were seen snoozing in the sunshine on the outdoor benches, while Rocky racoon woke up and paid us a visit.

Even the smokers were venturing away from their huddle in the shelter of the doorways, seeking to breathe the fresh spring air.

We're a hearty bunch here at Conestoga. A little set-back from winter on the first day of spring didn't keep us down. Some of us may have arrived a little late that day, but we still made it in. Those who attend the Guelph campus though, were treated to an unexpected holiday courtesy of Mr. Winter working his magic on the hydro wires.

A few students in the recreation leadership program had a bit of fun with the snow, venturing outside to create a snowman.

Broadcast student Mike Paonni donned shorts and a T-shirt to get in the spirit of CRKZ's spring give-away promotion in a live broadcast from the cafeteria.

The only good thing about getting a big dump of snow late in March is knowing it won't stay for long because those April showers will have the last laugh on old man winter.

By the way, did you hear we're expecting another winter storm next weekend? April Fools ... and happy Easter.

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## TAKING SIDES

### Should Conestoga's instructors walk out on April 19 in support of the day of protest?

#### They must take a stand

By Robert Klager



The Waterloo Regional Labor Council is counting on the support of all unionized workers across the region on April 19.

They're counting on support for what is to be a day of general protest — the third of its kind — against the Harris government, and instructors at Conestoga College shouldn't even consider the notion that they are an exception to the list of needed participants, regardless of their profession.

Not participating would be a dangerous precedent to set for several reasons, not the least of which, is betrayal of the kind of solidarity the Ontario Federation of Labor stands for.

Conestoga's teachers mustn't become complacent in the knowledge that an abundance of faculty dove at the recent buy-out packages, in effect, bringing security to many teaching positions at the college.

They still must take a stand against the possibility of any staffing cuts in the future. It's no secret that more cuts will come, and at least to members of the faculty union, it's even less of a secret that such cuts hurt teachers, let alone kids.

But there are other reasons why, on April 19, they should be standing out on the driveways that enter the college.

The action of protest has become so standard in Ontario of late, any inaction on the teachers' part would surely put their allegiances into question.

Unionist ideology dictates an equality shared with upper management. That same equality must exist within the unionist movement itself. No member is immune to forwarding the cause; every member has an obligation to back it up.

Public support of these increasing protests is fragile enough. For instructors at the college to pass the buck on to the "die-hards" on the frontlines of unrest, would be too detrimental to the cause.

Contrary to popular belief, and often in the face of denial on the labor movement's part, union support of the cause is just as fragile. From the beginning, this new wave of protest in Ontario was at risk of self-destruction. It is a tough enough battle that is being waged against Queen's Park.

Should the battle be lost, the first thing that will happen in the labor movement is finger-pointing, and most unionists are far more comfortable standing behind that finger.

Besides, what respectable, socially-responsible, your-province-management-is-indefensible person doesn't want to be able to say, "I was there the day capitalism died!"?

Walk. And do it in solidarity, or don't do it at all.

## campus comments



"I'm from a family of teachers and I know what they're going through."

Ron Orobko  
Second-year numerical control technician

"I'd agree with them. Mike Harris has far too much power for one man."

Lisa Brown  
Second-year electrical engineering



"No, we're the ones suffering. They're not."

Jen Schlosser  
First-year accounting

"They shouldn't be allowed to. That would be walking out on students, not on Mike Harris."

Richard Burton  
Second-year electrical engineering technician



"It wouldn't be fair to students. It would put us behind."

Helen Sturgiou  
First-year accounting

"Nobody has a secure job. Just because they're in a union, they shouldn't have special treatment."

Debi Weber  
First-year accounting



Do you have any topical questions you want straight-forward answers to? Send them to the editor or staff in Room 4B15, or call SPOKE at 748-5366.

#### Walkout would prove nothing

By Linda Yovanovich



Faced with the prospect of a one-day general strike in the tri-city area, teachers at Conestoga should be mulling over the potential pros and cons of not showing up to work for the last day of class.

The one-day walkout is not about the OPSEU strike which paralysed wintry roads, disrupted the rights of prisoners and caused more than a few black eyes at Queen's Park.

Rather, arranged by the Ontario Federation of Labor, the massive walkout is supposed to show support among all labor unions in Ontario, and protest the provincial government's stance on just about everything.

For the general strike, which has been arranged for the Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cambridge areas for April 19, members of OPSEU — including instructors at Conestoga College — are being called upon to walk out on their jobs to protest the provincial government's policies on labor unions.

However, the faculty union has no legal mandate to walk out that day. Faculty members who do walk out will be subjecting the union to stiff penalties.

A few months back the faculty of Fanshawe College walked out on classes and exams. The difference, though, was that the college gave faculty members permission to walk out and made arrangements for exams to be written at alternative times.

This will probably not be the case at Conestoga College.

While on one level, the last full day of classes may seem like a harmless day to lose, some members of Conestoga's staff and faculty say they believe the timing could not be worse. It's crunch time for just about everyone on campus, and it seems unfair that both faculty and students, who have worked so hard all semester, might have to put their work on hold because of a one-day walkout.

Such a walkout would also put students in a dilemma because they, too, have been bludgeoned by policies created by Mike Harris and his entourage of millionaires. Many students may support the intention of the walkout, nevertheless, they have classes to get to and exams to prepare for.

Not to mention the image of students having to cross a picket line to get to class conjures up. That wouldn't look good on the part of the teachers' union on the front page of any newspaper.

In the long run what would the faculty have to gain by protesting on April 19? They would lose face with staff and students who believe the teachers should be at work on the last day of classes. There more to lose than the estimated \$16 of tuition, for the day.

# YES

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# CONESTOGA LIFE

Lifestyles editor: Tara Brown 748-5366

## Nissan up for grabs OSAID fund-raising gets a boost

By Barbara Walden

Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) is getting a helping hand with its fund-raising from a group of recreational leadership students at Conestoga College this year.

The six first-year students, under the leadership of instructor Greg Burns, are conducting a province-wide fund-raising draw for credit in the revenue generation unit that is a part of their program requirement.

They will have the first prize for the draw, a 1996 Nissan 200 SX SE, on display at the Doon campus this week and will be selling \$3-chances on the \$24,700-car outside the Sanctuary doors on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will also be selling tickets Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to those attending night classes.

After a harrowing year of running the draw from his basement at home, Burns came up with the idea of asking his students to help with the project. He had previously done the entire fund-raiser with the help of his wife and family. "It was a test of my marriage, and we survived," said Burns, who with his wife, celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary last year.

The students, including Amber Woods, Chad Belkwell, Scott Kamenar, Kelly Oliver, Keri Brook and Kate Mahood, offered to assist Burns, who is OSAID's fund-raising chairman and a provincial director of the organization since 1991.

The group developed a promotion



Keri Brooke (left) and Kate Mahood are part of a team of recreational leadership students who are organizing an OSAID fund-raiser as part of their program.

(Photo by Barbara Walden)

package that went out to 750 OSAID outlets at high schools across the province. Orders for tickets are sent by fax to the Waterloo Region police headquarters and are picked up daily, said Burns.

Since November 15 the group has sent Ontario high schools 85,250 tickets of the 100,000 that were printed. They set up a record-keeping system to track the comings and goings of the tickets.

The deadline for return of the tickets is April 24, with the draw being held at Cambridge Nissan on May 10. Nissan of Canada donated the car for the draw and is also supplying cars for displays at various ticket sale venues throughout Ontario.

Many students in this program choose to conduct smaller-scale revenue generating projects for this course unit. Group member Kate

Mahood, though, is happy to be working on a large project. "We've had good networking. The opportunity to have a provincial fund-raiser under your belt is great for the résumé," she said.

For Keri Brook, the project is of value in another area of her life. Brook will be coaching an under-15 girls soccer team in Brantford this summer and will use her newly acquired skills to help that team increase its bank account. She is already planning an "ugly pet contest" to raise money for her team, she said.

The hundreds of hours they have put into this fund-raiser hasn't dampened their enthusiasm.

They are now developing a proposal where they hope to have OSAID coin collection jars installed in liquor stores throughout Ontario.

## Nature's Call takes the poetry path

By Amanda Steffler

It has been almost a year since James G. Wilson, a student at Conestoga, entered a poetry contest with The National Library of Poetry in Owings Mills, Maryland. Three weeks ago he received a letter informing him that the poem he submitted, Nature's Call, was chosen for The Editor's Choice Award. He also received a little diploma for framing to show he won the award. The letter also stated that his poem would be published in the book called *The Path Not Taken*.

Wilson was in the first year of the electronics engineering program last year when he submitted his poem to the contest. He is now finishing up his electives and will be coming back to Conestoga next year to begin the business administration program.

Wilson has been writing poetry for about 30 years. He said most of his poems tend to reflect the state of mind he is in at the time he writes them. His poetry varies in its content. Some of his favorite topics are nature, love, fantasy and recently writing about social and environmental issues. He said he has never considered submitting his works to be published.

"For me, writing poetry is an extremely relaxing and fulfilling form of therapy. I've always written just for fun. They have always been just for me."

He said he never would have entered the contest without encouragement from his family and English teacher. Wilson at-

tended St. Louis School in a program called Open Door adult education. The classes are made for adults who wish to upgrade their schooling in order to carry on with their education.

After Wilson used some of his poetry for a project in his English class, his teacher pushed him to fill out the application for the contest he found in a magazine.

"I never had the confidence to send them to be published."

He was also encouraged by his wife, his mother and his wife's mother who had seen some of his poems through the years.

"My wife's mother was the most influential. She always told me I should publish my work."

Wilson's poem is located on page 101 of *The Path Not Taken*. Wilson said that one of the students who attended the upgrading classes at the same time as he did entered the contest as well. Patti Matheson started in the Electronics Engineering program at Conestoga with Wilson last year. She also had her poem published in *The Path Not Taken*. Her poem, Just for a Moment, is located on page 613.

Wilson said he is considering donating the extra book to Conestoga's Learning Resource Centre.

However, Wilson said he does not have any illusions of being a great poet and won't let this incident go to his head. "I must admit to a sense of pride and accomplishment at having my poem published, receiving The Editor's Choice Award and being made a member of the International Society of Poets."

## Defining disabilities

### Psychological testing can enhance accommodations for students

By Ewa Jankowiak

Participation in social and educational life for people with disabilities has been a major policy concern in Canada for many years.

Providing education for people with disabilities in the elementary, secondary and post-secondary school systems requires the process of identifying learning disabilities.

There are many physical and attitudinal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating fully in school life.

The most common disabilities are restriction of movement which include limitation to walk, move from one area to another, stand or carrying and moving objects any distance.

There are also hearing, visual and speaking problems, according to the Report of the Canada Health and Disabilities Survey.

The World Health Organization defines a disability as "any restriction or lack of ability resulting

from impairment to perform an activity in the manner, or within the range, considered normal."

Generally, disabled people have less education than those who are able-bodied, but they tend to have some education level, which varies depending on their age, the population and their disability.

According to Statistics Canada, five per cent of disabled people are university graduates, while the figure is 11 per cent for the able-bodied population.

Similarly, 10 per cent of disabled people get post-secondary diplomas or certificates. Whereas only 14 per cent who are able-bodied get their diplomas or certificates.

Marian Mainland, special needs co-ordinator at Conestoga College, said she is often asked to test people for learning disabilities.

"In order to identify a learning disability accurately, it is important that any physical reasons for the child's difficulties be ruled out," said Mainland.

"The diagnosis of a learning disability must be made based on psychological testing, not just educational."

She said that without a formal assessment, which identifies a disability, students can be denied the accommodations in post-secondary education.

The Identification, Placement and Review Committees are within each school.

Based on their determination, a school develops a plan for each exceptional pupil called an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Special Educational Plan (SEP), said Mainland.

The plans determine, "the nature of the exceptionality, strengths, weaknesses and the most appropriate placement for each exceptional student."

For a guideline on the identification of learning disabled students at Conestoga College, and the criteria which must be met, please contact the special needs office, which is located on the second floor.

## The spring computer classes include seniors and children

By Deborah Everest-Hill

Continuing education in computer literacy has expanded to include seniors and children, the chairman of computer studies and part-time learning says.

Andy Clow said a new course designed for seniors age 60 and up will take off this spring along with a parent-and-child computing course.

Clow said the senior and child/parent courses were added to the curriculum because people expressed an interest in them.

Another computing course involving young people is computer literacy for Windows, ages 16 to 18, and junior computing for kids age 10 to 15.

The senior course will likely attract older adults interested in computing but who may feel insecure or uncomfortable in the presence of younger students, Clow said.

The new programs start this summer, either July or August.

The length and cost of the programs vary according to the hours of instruction, he said.

People enrolled in computer literacy for Windows, he said, will pay \$139 and receive a credit on completion.

The junior computer literacy program lasts for about a week, Clow said, and cost \$116. The program is designed to get the students familiar with a PC. The parent/child course, lasts about a week and costs \$40. The course involves similar initiatives.

With the increasing importance of computers at home and in the workplace, it is perhaps not surprising that Clow reports a total of approximately 3,000 students enrolled in continuing education computer courses each semester.

Computer training and development is another facet of computing at Conestoga. It operates out of a separate corporation within the college, he said.

Training and development targets various companies and provides these organizations with employee training. The workshops are usually conducted off campus and are designed to meet an employer's immediate needs.

## CONESTOGA LIFE

# Students prepare to take on the world

*By Perry Hagerman*

The team putting together Conestoga's entry in North America's 1997 solar car race recently received some welcome news. Sunrayce officials judged their proposal to be one of the top 30 received and awarded them \$2,000 US. The money will be a welcome addition to Canada's first college-level entry into the prestigious international competition.

The proposals were judged by 12 reviewers who have extensive experience with Sunrayce.

Among the evaluated categories were technical innovation and content, organization and planning, vehicle testing and project planning. The aerodynamic design of the car received a mixed reaction from the reviewers.

The Conestoga design will involve a clear bubble-like aeroshell covering the five-metre-long car including the panels of solar cells. The design is intended to reduce the drag on the car from wind resistance.

"The shape is based upon an old airfoil design," said Shin Huang, a second-year mechanical engineering student and one of the project leaders. "The design was one which produced no lift and the least amount of drag." The object, he said, is to make the car as efficient as possible.

In addition, the shell will provide some protection from moisture and

debris for the solar cells, said another project leader, Kevin Tessner, a third-year electronics engineering technology student.

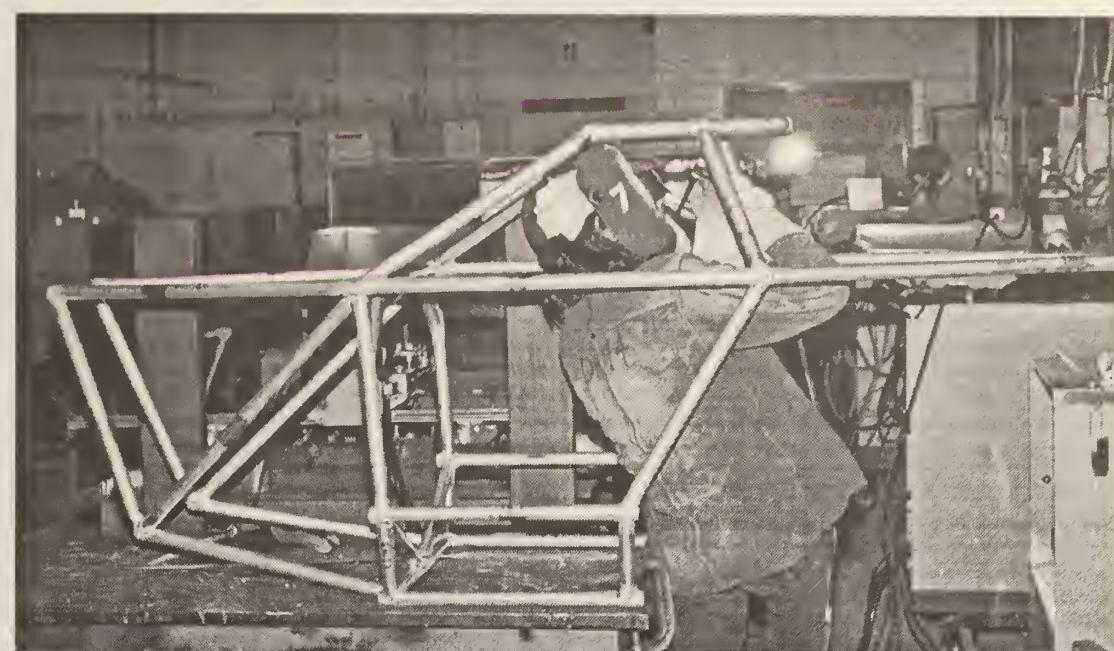
The shell will be supported by an aluminium frame currently being welded at Conestoga's Guelph campus. Since the car, named Spectre, will have a maximum speed potential of 110 kilometers-per-hour, a proper design of the frame was vital.

"The rules say that the car has to survive a head-on impact of five gravities without killing the driver," Tessner said. "We had to change the frame a little to satisfy that requirement."

The change in design has made it a bit harder for the driver to get into the car. In order to enter, the driver will have to start from below by sliding under the car on their back and then push their body up through the floor of the cockpit. "It made it a little trickier to get into the vehicle than we would have liked," said Tessner.

The car is a three-wheeler with the two front wheels providing the drive power. A high-efficiency electric motor is mounted directly onto each hub with each motor being capable of generating 8.5 to 10 horsepower, said Huang.

At full capacity, the demand by the motors for electricity will far outstrip the supply capabilities of the solar cells. As a result, seven lead-acid batteries will be mounted on the frame directly behind the



Ted Fehr, a second-year welding engineering technician student has volunteered his time to weld together the solar car for Conestoga's entry into Sunrayce '97.

(Photo by Perry Hagerman)

driver's cockpit.

The key strategy in Sunrayce is to balance the demand for energy with the desire for speed.

The 1,750 kilometer race runs from Indianapolis, Indiana to Denver, Colorado over a 10-day period. The cars run the required distance on the combination of solar and battery power.

At the end of each leg of the race, each car sits and recharges the batteries as much as possible, said Huang. The trick is to determine

how much energy to leave in the batteries at the end of the day by adjusting the speed of the car during the racing. The faster the Spectre goes, the more energy it consumes.

In comparison to some of the other entries, Conestoga's budget for the project is bare bones. Fundraising is about to begin in earnest with the total budget being estimated at \$95,000.

Wayne Hussey, Conestoga's executive director of development

and community relations, has volunteered to assist the students in obtaining the necessary money.

"As a college staff member, I am absolutely delighted that they are the first entry from any college in Canada," said Hussey. "This is just another example of the quality of the people at Conestoga."

Everyone involved with the project, from students to faculty to other staff members are doing the work on their own time, said Hussey.

## Bad weather hinders carnival participants

*By T.L. Huffman*

The winter carnival, organized by residence council at Conestoga College's Rodeway Suites, had a lower participation rate than expected, said Don Handsler, president of residence council.

Handsler said fewer than 40 students participated in the carnival that took place on March 19. Handsler said that he had hoped more people would get involved, but those who did participate seemed to enjoy themselves and make the most of the events.

Unfortunately, the weather conditions put a damper on some of the events, Handsler said.

"The most popular events were a chugging contest, cards, hockey and football," said Handsler. "We only played one game of hockey and soccer didn't go because of the condition of the field. It was too muddy."

Handsler said he thinks student participation would have been higher had the weather been better.

"It (the winter carnival) may have done better if we had done it earlier, maybe before Christmas," Handsler said.

Participation at residence activities has been low lately and Handsler said spirit is generally down. "It's nearly the end of the year and students are worrying about exams and other things," said Handsler.

A muddy field didn't stop many

students, however. Instead the popularity of indoor activities was higher than expected by residence council.

Each floor participated in the carnival as a team and there were a total of four teams, Handsler said. The third floor was the overall winners, placing first in football, hockey and cards. The second floor placed second with their win in cards. Handsler said the only real costs for the winter carnival were the cost of pop for the chugging contest. The cost of the pop was covered by the student council fund.

"Considering the timing and the conditions of the field, I think the event was a success," said Handsler. Council will recommend this activity to next year's council but suggest it be done earlier, he added.

The events were well organized, according to Handsler, and everything ran smoothly.

If participation had been greater, Handsler said there could have been some difficulties keeping everything organized because of the condition of the field and the weather.

Handsler said he was glad that after students stopped playing outdoor games because it was cold and muddy, they came indoors to continue participating in the events. Handsler said it's frustrating when students just leave if something isn't going quite right.

## On the job 'Shadow day' a great experience for students

*By Tara Brown*

Second year materials management students have unanimously applauded the annual shadow day which took place Feb. 5 and 7.

The program, which places students for a day in an actual work setting at companies mainly in the Waterloo and Wellington counties, is one of the unique features of Conestoga's materials management program.

Students are sent to manufacturers to learn the tools of their trade under the watchful eyes of professionals already in the workplace.

Paul Knight, program co-ordinator for materials management, said the event has been running for five years and is almost always thoroughly enjoyed by students.

"One of the reasons we implemented shadow day was to try to give our students a better idea of what materials management is actually like," he said.

Knight said that the problem-solving students see in their work placements helps them to better understand why they study vari-

ous elements in the theory portion of their training.

The companies chosen for placements were taken from the membership rosters of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada (PMAC) and the Canadian Association for Production and Inventory Control (CAPIC).

All were urged to discuss buyer, scheduler and manager responsibilities with the students as well as take them on plant tours and to attend meetings with people concerned with materials management within the firm.

Darlene Smith, a second-year materials management student, was enthusiastic about the experience. Smith was placed at NCR, a company in Waterloo.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "It was definitely an eye-opener."

Chris Watson, another student participant, was sent to Long Manufacturing in Mississauga.

"The stuff we're learning really does apply," Watson said. He found the pace very hectic but was surprised by how few people there were actually doing the job. "The materials department was

very thin," he said. "There were only two people to take care of two plants." Watson was able to do some actual work at his placement. "I filled out transport orders, went to meetings and talked to Ford and GM on the Internet."

Mark Schnittke and Denise Maisonneuve also found the day worthwhile.

Schnittke spent the day with production planners and had tours of their special areas of expertise. "It's very tight planning," he said of his placement with Karmax in Milton. "It was very intense."

All participating students were asked to fill out a survey at the end of their day. Of the 37 surveys returned, 100 per cent said they found shadow day a beneficial experience and it should remain a part of the materials management program.

"It should be longer," Maisonneuve said. Smith agreed, "If I had another day I could actually do an order or something," she said. All four students felt that shadow day had confirmed their profession for them. "This is really what I want to do," said Smith.

# CONESTOGA LIFE

## ECE student loved program, working with children

*By Allison Dempsey*

First-year early childhood education student Pepper Garrett says she wouldn't be attending Conestoga if not for the encouragement of her best friend Tracy Gillam-Wright.

Gillam-Wright, 21, said she didn't know what she wanted to do with her life, but Gillam-Wright "watched over all her friends," and suggested Garrett enrol in ECE. "But Tracy got really sick and started chemotherapy just when I was coming in January," said Garrett. In August 1995 Gillam-Wright contracted liposarcoma, a rare form of cancer that attacks the body's fat cells. She died March



Tracy Gillam-Wright

18, 1996 at age 21, one semester short of graduating.

"Everybody loved her," said Garrett, a sentiment echoed by close friends Jaequi Mardling, 21,

a first-year general business student at Conestoga and Janay Siminoski. Both worked with Gillam-Wright at Canadian Tire in Cambridge.

Gillam-Wright had worked there for almost one year, but hadn't worked much since her illness. Mardling said it was strange to go to work knowing her friend was gone. "She would help anyone, even if she didn't know you."

Gillam-Wright graduated from Galt Collegiate Institute in 1993 and enrolled in ECE because "she loved working with children," said Garrett. The two planned to open a day-care centre someday. Garrett said her friend loved the ECE program and was proud she

would graduate.

"Tracy was a nurturer of everyone, so ECE was a natural field for her to get into," said Siminoski. "She took care of us."

The three have affectionate memories of their friend, such as the Canadian Tire Christmas party when she couldn't eat because her dress was too tight. They remember how much her fiancé Mike LeDuc loved her. And they remember the Mickey Mouse doll she'd had since she was two. "It was all beat up and only Tracy could love it," said Mardling. "She had it at the hospital with her."

Garrett lived with Gillam-Wright for two years and recalls their conflicting decorating styles.

"I liked black and Tracy liked flowers," she said. "But we learned to compromise. We painted the walls white."

All three agree they were lucky to have known Gillam-Wright, and although their friend wouldn't want them to be sad now, they say she would understand.

"She would say, 'I'm watching and with you no matter what,'" said Siminoski. "She's with her dad now and not in pain." Gillam-Wright's father died three years ago of lung cancer.

Garrett said Tracy was determined to fight her disease and retained a positive outlook on life until the end. "She will be missed by a lot of friends and family."

## Nursing student's spirit will live on, say college friends

*By Allison Dempsey*

By the age of 23, second-year Conestoga nursing student Tara Storer had accomplished so much and reached out to so many people, that classmate Florence Roth says she almost finds it difficult to be angry her friend is gone.

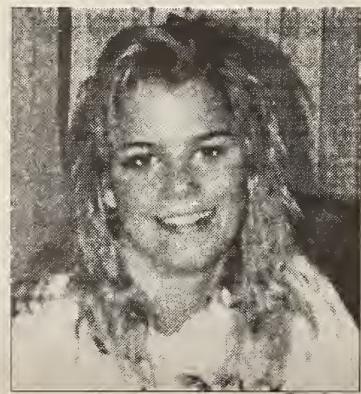
"What's important is that she has done so much," said Roth, 31. But Rob Hodgson, 24, says students who knew Storer are finding it hard these days, and Roth agrees. "We're just going through the motions."

They say it has been hard since they learned of Storer's death in a

car accident on March 8. Roth said the nursing students are close, and contacted one another about Storer. Lisa Scott, 21, said everyone knew about her death by the end of the day.

"We liked to come to school because of Tara," said Scott. "I never saw her without a smile."

Dawn Hutchison, 21, said she and Storer didn't know each other well at the beginning of the program, but became close over time. "Tara brought the group closer together. She didn't like to hear negative things about people," she said. "She could always find the silver lining in the clouds."



ergy" when remembering her. They say she was kind and responsible and a self-professed "animal freak." She had two birds and a dog, and loved to talk about them at school. They remember her buying two lovebirds to keep her grandma company during some difficult times. "Tara loved beautiful, alive things," said Hutchison.

Storer graduated from Forest Heights Collegiate in Kitchener in 1990, then attended Sheridan College for sports therapy, before coming to Conestoga for a more practical, hands-on approach to helping people.

"Tara joked about being a professional gardener," said Hutchison. "Nursing is stressful and she hated the hospital. She liked the one-on-one approach better and wanted to be working in the community."

Gail Noble, Storer's clinical in-

structor, said she would have made a "wonderful" nurse. "Tara was very responsible and looked after the little details when taking care of someone. She had a quiet, gentle way with the patients and was very conscientious."

"Tara would be supportive of our sadness right now," said Noble. "She would also say sadness is part of loving someone, and to put it into balance, move on, but don't ever forget that person."

Friends list playing squash, silver jewellery and the St. Louis Rams as some of her favorite things. Hutchison said despite the occasional "grumbling" about the program there was no doubt in her mind that Storer would have graduated. "Something will be done in her memory," she said.

"We'll keep her spirit alive," said Roth.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Unique vegetables rock lounge

By Jennifer Broomhead

The bright lights of the Sanctuary provided the best lighting the Artichokes have had for a concert, according to Mitch Girio, the band's lead singer.

The Toronto-based group played for a small, subdued audience at a free nooner March 19.

"I don't know if you're ready to hear from us at this time of day," Girio told the crowd, "but we're going to play for you anyway."

Formerly members of King Apparatus, the four musicians, Girio, Paul Ruston, guitar, Craig Lapley, drums, and Rich Moore, bass, have been together as the Artichokes for about two years.

With the exception of Ruston, the entire band was sick with a cold on March 19. They played energetically in spite of their illness, jumping around the stage and engaging in light banter with the audience.

They played songs from their new album, an independent release called *Meet the Artichokes*, and some newer material, one song written just a week before the nooner.

The Artichokes also performed a few cover tunes, including a new take on a Carpenters' song.

It's difficult to categorize the music of the Artichokes. Some songs have obvious reggae and ska influ-

ences carried over from their days with King Apparatus, but other songs were more hard-core, almost punk.

About mid-way through the show, the band tried to get the crowd warmed up with what they called "an icebreaker to fit the venue," and launched into a cheesy lounge tune. Moore assured the crowd that the song was meant as a joke.

They closed the show with a fast-paced song called Stomach Pump. "I hope you have a good life," Girio said as the band left the stage. "Good luck."

The band sold copies of their album and Artichokes T-shirts following the nooner.

In an interview after the concert, Girio and Ruston said they came to Conestoga because they have been focusing on touring and promoting their album in southern Ontario.

Ruston said the band is working on a video they hope to release soon.

Girio said the Artichokes aren't searching for a specific audience, but students seem to be the crowd they have been attracting. They aren't trying to alienate potential fans, said Girio. "We'll take anybody," he said.

Both Ruston and Girio said they enjoyed playing the nooner. Ruston said the audience was laid back, but the band got more attention than they usually do in a lounge setting.

The Artichokes aren't sure when they'll be back to play in Kitchener-Waterloo. This past month they have been performing Monday nights at the Ultrasound in Toronto. Each show is a tribute to an artist or movie, said Girio. So far they have played tributes to singer Englebert Humperdink and Elvis Presley movies. Their March 25 show featured James Bond themes.



Rich Moore, the bassist for the Artichokes, sings back-up during their performance in the Sanctuary on March 19. Lead singer Mitch Girio is in the background.

(Photo by Amanda Steffler)

## Last rock 'n' bowl a blast

By Amy Wroblewski

The final rock 'n' bowl for the school year was a blast according to students who came out to enjoy ten-pin bowling. The event, which is sponsored by the DSA and CRKZ, was held at the Frederick Brunswick Lanes in Kitchener Thursday, March 21.

Conestoga students came out and bowled the night away to the sounds of CRKZ on location.

Bowlers of all skill levels came out and participated. For some, it was their first time bowling. The major complaint of the night was that the bowling balls were too

heavy.

Tickets were \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door, which included shoe rental and unlimited bowling, in addition to prizes given out by CRKZ.

Although there was not a grand prize to be won like in previous rock 'n' bowls, some of the prizes awarded were tickets to Yuk-Yuk's and to the end of the year bash at Whiskey Jack's. There were also polar packs, mugs and hats given away for students who could answer unusual trivia questions or tell a good joke.

Nada Swan, director of student life, said about 42 students at-

tended the rock 'n' bowl. About the same number attended the last rock 'n' bowl held in October.

Swan also said the rock 'n' bowl should return next school year. Currently, there has been an average of one rock 'n' bowl per semester. This was reduced from the original two or three that were held per semester in previous years because of the gradual lack of participation.

Swan said the number of rock 'n' bowls held may increase again when Becky Bortien, the former director of student life, returns from maternity leave at the beginning of April.

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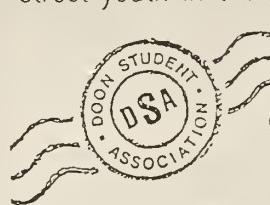
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## ENTERTAINMENT

# *Diabolique*: suspense, betrayal and some skin

By Deborah Everest-Hill

Fewer than 25 people showed up to the Saturday matinée showing of *Diabolique* starring Sharon Stone and Kathy Bates at the Kings College cinema in Kitchener.

The film's trailer promised action and nail-biting suspense and, for the most part, *Diabolique* fulfilled this promise.

However, the film's characters lacked the necessary depth to make the story believable.

*Diabolique* is a film about two women in love with, and intimidated by the same man.

Nicole (Sharon Stone) and Mia

(Isabelle Adjani) both have sexual relationships with Guy (Chazz Palminteri). Mia and Guy, a married couple, own a private boy's school and Nicole is one of the school's teachers.

Mia is aware of her husband's many affairs and she plots his death with Nicole. Both women fear Chazz's violent and abusive behavior and they are convinced the only solution is to kill him.

Once Chazz is dead, it appears that someone is trying to blackmail the two women with evidence of their crime.

The audience is led through one-and-a-half hours of tension-filled

suspense and a number of surprises. Directed by Jeremiah Chechik and based on a novel by Michael Crichton, the film skilfully employs scene and cinematography to heighten tension and fear in the audience but its characters are missing something.

Stone's character, Nicole, is tough, cold and sexy, and as expected, she provides the audience with more than a few token cleavage shots.

Stone is well known for her controversial role in *Basic Instinct* and her recent role in *Casino*.

Nicole comes up with a few humorous lines but her performance is

predictable. Unfortunately, it is difficult to get to know Nicole because the plot moves quickly and is primarily focused on Guy.

Palminteri is believable in his portrayal of Guy, a violent and intimidating husband and school master. Absent for most of the film, but central to the storyline, he leaves the audience and his wife with gasps and heart palpitations.

Adjani's character, Mia, surprisingly shows more skin than Stone. But her portrayal of an abused wife, with a weak heart, is somewhat convincing.

She leaves the audience with a fair impression of a terrified woman,

complete with bulging eyes.

Bates (*Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Dolores Claiborne*) plays a detective who suffers from breast cancer. Bates' character does not mince any words, and her persistence in getting to the bottom of Chazz's disappearance drives Mia deeper into despair.

Bates is, at times, believable as a tough and sly detective but holes in the plot and inconsistencies prevent her character from truly making sense.

It is unlikely that any of the performances in *Diabolique* will win an Oscar nomination but the movie is packed with suspense.

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## Disabled students want independence

By Ewa Jankowiak

By understanding and volunteering, you can help make life less frustrating for the students with disabilities in the world of academia, says Tuah Peprah in his article for the special needs department at Conestoga College.

Peprah, a blind student at Wilfrid Laurier University, is among the disabled people who have learned that making the public aware of the needs of disabled people is the first step in removing the social barriers.

As a teenager, an accident damaged Peprah's eyes and left him blind.

"My life was dominated by fear that I'd hurt myself for a long time after the accident," he said in an interview.

Peprah was dependant on his family, relatives and friends who helped him to manage daily life in the new circumstances. "One day I was forced to make a trip to a washroom by myself. I was successful, so I believed I can do more things by myself."

He came to Canada from Ghana four years ago, graduated from an education program at Kingston's Queen's University and now studies social work at WLU.

Peprah said he is fond of having the opportunity to study and use high-technology equipment for people with disabilities.

Electronic dictionaries and audio textbooks are the salvation for those who are blind, so getting through university or college isn't

a big problem, he said. "The biggest one is persuading people that our blindness, deafness or other disabilities don't exclude us from the society," he said.

He said many people tend to have a negative attitude. "They have this

inclination to avoid us instead of trying to understand our situation," he said.

"We also belong to the society and we want to study, get into a workplace and be a part of our community life," said Peprah.

**Put one foot in ...**



Jarett Kuepfer won the Flag Raiders gift certificate for biggest hole-in-the-wall contest presented by Captain Radio during CRKZ's spring give-away broadcast in the main cafeteria on March 20.

(Photo by Barbara Walden)

# **WALK SAFE**

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# SPORTS

## Athlete lives for soccer

By Diane Santos

Elaine Keller's parents wanted their daughter to be in athletics but they never anticipated her choice would be soccer. They hoped for her to be interested in dance, said Keller in a recent interview.

Contrary to what they had hoped, Keller chose soccer of her own free will and aspired to be the best she could. Keller said that if she ever gets the chance to play soccer professionally she will give up everything for just one chance.

Keller is an athlete who lives for her sport. She eats, breathes, and sleeps soccer. As much as she tries to stay away she can't, said Keller. Dividing her school year between outdoor and indoor soccer has kept her reality alive and well.

Known as Flipper to her teammates, Keller is proud of the successful season she had both with her indoor varsity team and outdoor team. The women took the gold in the OCAA indoor soccer finals and placed bronze in the outdoor soccer finals.

Keller prides herself on the way she disciplines herself.

"If members of the team are going out before a game or between games, I take the time to mentally prepare myself for the game," said Keller.

She said she feels that mental planning has become a bigger part of her regime lately because she has gone from playing net most of her life to playing forward this year. Early in the season Keller pulled a hamstring and was sidelined for awhile.

When she was ready to play, she tried for forward and was successful.

Keller admits that as an adrenalin junkie she enjoys playing forward more because of the action.

Keller said her good luck stems from her parents.

"My parents are my good luck charms. They came to the finals and I scored twice. It never fails when they're there."

She attributes her talents to her all-star soccer coach. She said that Harry Maine has been coaching her since she was 15 and he is her mentor.

He trained her physically to use



Elaine Keller is smiling after the Condors won the gold at the OCAA finals.

(Photo by Diane Santos)

her skills to her best potential and mentally to prepare and visualize for the game.

Keller said her best trait is her own personal motivation. She prepared for the Ontario finals a week before they began by visualizing the game in her mind.

"If I didn't have soccer I have no clue what I would do. It is my reason for being here. I don't play any other competitive sports and I do my best to give it everything I've got," said Keller.

She said the team stuck together through everything this year and credits their efforts to the motivational no-punches-pulled pep talks of their coach Geoff Johnstone.

"The team really came together this year. We all had the same goal in mind. I think this team has the potential to produce some of the best soccer players in Ontario, and I'm proud to be part of them," said Keller.

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## Sports comment

### Moral support needed for players

By Diane Santos

Although the apathy in this school has been acknowledged before, it seems to have reached a new level.

At the OCAA hockey finals there were few students present. The moral support came from either family, friends or the away teams.

The OCAA indoor soccer finals were even more pathetic. Approximately 10 people showed up on the Friday but there were no students at the game on Saturday morning. People complain that Conestoga doesn't have enough varsity teams; all the college has is baseball, hockey and soccer. Sports such as basketball, volleyball, rugby and football either don't exist or are only played on the intramural level.

The supposed reasoning is that there isn't enough money in the athletic budget, but maybe if some interest was shown the college and team members could manage to support the team for at least one season. Granted, not everyone is a 'jock,' but then again not everyone is an academic scholar either.

Students have to show that they are proud of the teams they have and maybe then they can stop blaming the losses on the players. Maybe their lack of support had something to do with it, even if it is just a little.

Being in the recreation centre was like spending a day in a ghost town with no one to talk to and no one to show the teams that the college cared how well they did.

I'm one of those students who never went to the games, but after seeing the agony of defeat on the faces of the players in both hockey and indoor soccer, I wished I could have supported them from the beginning.

Possibly the only thing worse than losing, is winning with no one there to see it.

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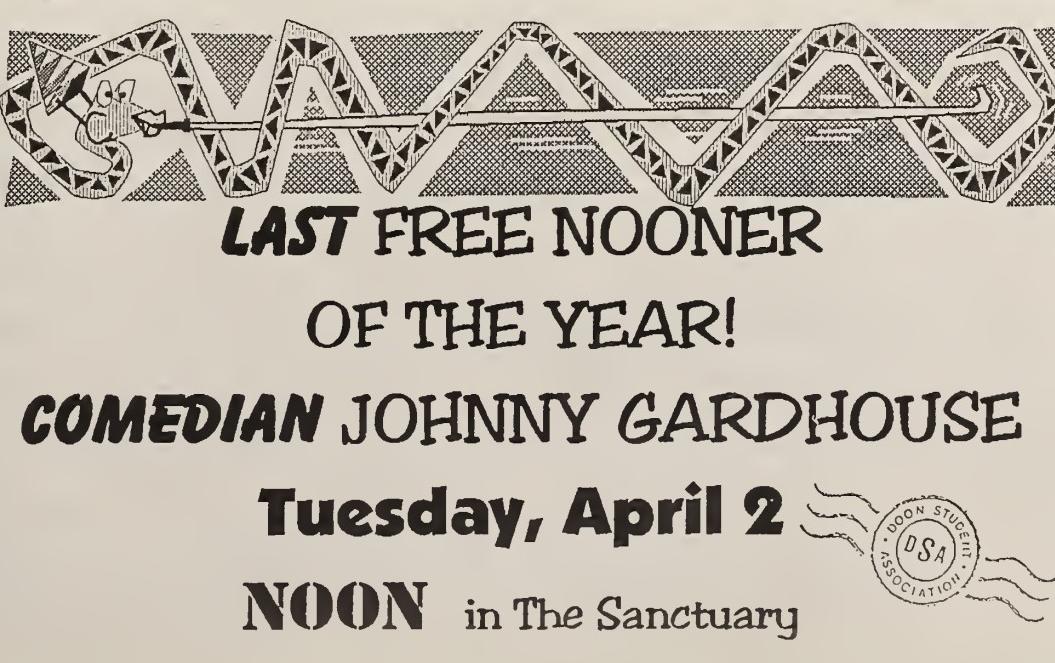


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# SPORTS

## Condors win soccer battle for OCAA bronze medal

By Diane Santos  
and Blake Ellis

Conestoga College hosted the OCAA indoor varsity soccer finals on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

The Condors had to play two games on March 22, one against the George Brown Huskies and the other against the St. Lawrence Vikings. The Condors needed to win one game to place in the semifinals.

In the first game the Huskies took the lead but the Condors fought back winning 2-1.

The Condors then went on to meet the Vikings for their second game where the Condors lost 2-1. The only goal for the Condors was scored by Dwayne Bell.

The Condors played again at 9 a.m. on Saturday in the semifinals against the Niagara College Knights. The game was tied at one, forcing the teams into overtime.

Both teams were unsuccessful in their attempts to score making them battle it out in a sudden death match.

Conestoga's first two players Dan Krauter and Rob DiMatteo scored on Niagara's goalie Mike Tapply, but the last three players Greg Bera, Dwayne Bell and Patrick Barnes either missed or their shots were saved.

The sudden death match remained a tie until Niagara's John Dipietro scored against Papadokos on the last shot knocking the Condors out of gold and silver contention.

Conestoga was able to come up with a stunning upset in the bronze-medal game against the Royal Military College Redmen.

The game remained scoreless until midway through the last half when RMC's Steven Bramhill was able to fight his way past the Conestoga defence and net a goal putting Conestoga down 1-0.

Condors goalie Jason Tarrant then left the net undefended, moving the ball up the court, getting up to the RMC's crease and passing the ball to Jason Strolper, who tied the game at one.

The overtime period didn't decide a winner, as time elapsed with the score remaining 1-1, forcing them to play a shoot-out.

Scoring on the shoot-out were Conestoga's Steven Fairburne, Dwayne Bell, Jason Tarrant and the RMC's John Waugh.

Earlier in the game, Conestoga came out strong and controlled the ball well, but were unable to capitalize.

In the gold medal game, St. Lawrence College of Kingston beat Niagara College 3-0, to claim the gold medal and Niagara college Knights took the silver.

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## Women's soccer glowing with gold

By Janet White  
and Judith Hemming

Despite playing on a significantly smaller surface than usual, the Conestoga women's indoor soccer team proved they could adapt and conquer as they beat Loyalist 2-0 during the first game of the Ontario College Athletic Association Championships at Redeemer College in Ancaster on March 22-23.

A goal scored by Jodi Brezynski within the first five minutes of play set the dominant tone for Conestoga as the team easily controlled the game. The second goal was scored by Sandy McDougall in the middle of the second half.

Tammy Flanagan, assistant captain, admitted the game was quite aggressive, but said, "You get that with teams who don't have much skill."

Coach Geoff Johnstone said he would have been pleased with more goals, but said he knew the smaller gym made scoring more difficult.

After three years of work, the Condors women's soccer team won gold in the OCAA finals.

Johnstone said of his players, "This is their fifth medal (in three years), but their first gold medal. I'm so happy for them."

Saturday afternoon, the Condors successfully beat out the George Brown College Huskies 3-0 in the tournament final.

Johnstone said the team had a fabulous day and a fabulous season. "Everyone that went out there gave every single ounce they had."

Condors Brezynski scored a goal early into the first half.

Elaine Keller scored, bringing the score to 2-0 at the end of the first half. Condors Amy Olson scored a goal in the last two minutes of the game.

Brezynski was named Most Valuable Player and Kane won the Tournament All Star award.

Jana Webster, who had had two shut-outs that day, won the Top Goaltender award.

Earlier in the day, the Condors



The Huskies Natalie Dabit guards Condors Elaine Keller during the OCAA finals.

(Photo by Judith Hemming)

had faced Toronto's Centennial College Colts. Condors won 2-0, with Amy Yoewell and Keller scoring goals in the first half of the game.

The Colts went on to beat Welland's Niagara Knights 2-1 to win the bronze medal but lost to the George Brown Huskies giving them the silver.

## Thrills and spills highlight intramural finals

By Amy Wroblewski

The Cement Heads won the championship game in intramural ice hockey at Conestoga, beating the Beer Jugs 4-3 on Wednesday, March 20.

The game, which was held in the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, was the last game in the final play-offs.

The game was fast moving with the Beer Jugs setting up an aggressive defense in an attempt to thwart the Cement Heads.

The Cement Heads claimed 6 of the 11 penalties in the two period game. Cory Thibeau from the Beer Jugs tied the Cement Heads Scott Dietrich for the most penalties.

Thibeau received two, for tripping and unsportsman-like conduct, while Dietrich received two for the same.

Dietrich lead the Cement Heads in scoring with two goals. Assisting on his first goal were Jason Shular and Wade Growers. His second goal was unassisted.

Other goals scored by the Cement Heads were by Chris Day with an unassisted goal and Tony Cengarle assisted by Klaus Ehrenberg and Day.

Beer Jugs Ryan Blue had an unassisted goal and teammate Chris Petapiece was assisted by Chris Grondin.

Jason Vince also scored assisted by Brian Pocock and Claude Royer.

In the intramural basketball finals Wham2 pounded Noize by a score of 44-24.

Under the leadership of team captain Patrick Barnes, Wham2 was undefeated all season.

In intramural basketball, women receive three points for a basket while men receive two.

In Volleyball, Wham2 defeated the faculty team, the Athletic Supporters. Wham2 has been undefeated for two years, in all four sessions.

In ball hockey, the Demolition defeated the Grizzlies and in men's volleyball, the Giants defeated the Munckins.

Intramurals will begin again next September.

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